



ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS MARKET

Giving Tuesday + November 30, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

www.immanuelwi.org/acm2021

*There is something on our list for everyone on yours,
and the fit is always right!*

Christmas is all about giving... celebrating God's gift to us in the birth of Jesus. But often this "reason for the season" gets lost, overwhelmed, as we are, with too much "stuff" and not enough meaning. There is pressure to find just the right thing instead of focusing on things that really matter.

Immanuel Church offers a special way to give gifts that give twice, through our annual Alternative Christmas Market. This year, an "alternative" Alternative Christmas Market is planned *again* for "**Giving Tuesday,**" **November 30.** In the midst of an ongoing pandemic, when we can't gather in person in the Upper Room, an online event on Giving Tuesday, not only gives the church office more time to process online orders, but it also fits perfectly with the spirit of Giving Tuesday, a global movement to balance the consumerism of Black Friday and to encourage people to give, to collaborate, and to celebrate generosity.

Give the teenager in your life a health safety kit for a homeless youth (\$10 through Pathfinders), or GED testing for one student (\$35 through Literacy Services of Wisconsin). Your aunt who always makes a delicious Christmas ham might love to receive fifteen(!) holiday hams for neighborhood families (\$75 through Interchange Food Pantry). Or what about a flash drive and portfolio for a homeless mom seeking employment for the recent graduate in your family (\$10 through Cathedral Center Shelter for Women & Families)? And, as you give thanks for your family gathering this Christmas, consider giving each person who gathers around your tree, a personal care kit for a refugee family (\$40 through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance). Items range in price from just \$10 to \$100. A donation-only option will be available this year, too, to support the Afghan refugee resettlement efforts of Lutheran Social Services.

Join Immanuel Church on Giving Tuesday as we celebrate God's generosity that inspires us to give in ways that serve others and collaborate with our mission partners. **Gather with us at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom** for a panel presentation. Each of the organizations represented will give a brief (3-5 minute) presentation about their work and how our gifts will be used to help others. Following the presentations, participants will have a chance to join the presenters in small groups for questions and to gather more information. Share this link: www.immanuelwi.org/acm2021 to invite a friend to join you virtually this year for this much-loved, and much-anticipated, Immanuel holiday tradition.

Since the first Alternative Christmas Market in 1995, Immanuel Church has raised well over half a million dollars, all of which has been given to participating agencies and organizations. Orders may be placed through the mail using the form below or online. Special gift cards (\$1/each) and enclosures describe the organization the gift supports.

2021 ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS MARKET Participating Agencies

Bread of Healing Clinic

Begun as a ministry of Cross Lutheran Church in 2000, the Bread of Healing Clinic now sees 400 patients each month at three locations on the North Side of Milwaukee. The Clinic provides essential services to those who would otherwise fall through the cracks. Most patients are employed but do not have access to health insurance. Many patients may make too much money to be eligible for Medicaid, and not enough to afford their employer's premiums. In addition to primary care services and free medications, the clinic offers programs such as counseling, a newly upgraded dental clinic space, as well as a broad scope of social work services. COVID-19 has presented a unique set of challenges but the clinic has adapted to provide telehealth and medication delivery in order to continue to provide essential primary care services during the pandemic. The name of the organization comes from Ecclesiastes 11:1, which invites the reader to: "Cast your bread upon the waters, for you will find it after many days." Maya Angelou writes further: "When we cast our bread upon the waters, we can presume that someone downstream, whose face we may never see, will benefit from our action, even as we enjoy the fruits sent to us from a donor upstream."

www.breadofhealingclinic.org

Cathedral Center Shelter for Women and Families

Cathedral Center is one of the largest local shelters focusing services specifically for unaccompanied women and families with children. Cathedral Center's mission is to provide a safe environment for women and families while working to end homelessness, one life at a time. Cathedral Center's Emergency Shelter offers a safe environment for up to 28 unaccompanied women and 8 families with children for up to 90 days. In 2020, Cathedral Center's emergency shelter provided 16,238 nights of shelter to 212 women and 250 individuals within 58 families that included 142 children. Cathedral Center provides a safe environment for our community's most vulnerable to heal and to receive services to set and achieve goals focused on health and wellbeing, increasing earned income, and securing safe housing.

www.cathedral-center.org

Eastside Senior Services

Eastside Senior Services helps older adults who live downtown, Shorewood, Riverwest, and on Milwaukee's East Side continue to live in their own homes in a safe and dignified manner. Through direct support services, provided at no cost, these older adults are able to stay closely connected to and engaged with their communities while leading active, independent lives. Services include: transportation and shopping services, in-home visits to seniors who are lonely or isolated, seasonal chores, light housework, remembrance through cards and small gifts, telephone reassurance, referral, and advocacy.

www.essmilw.org

The Guest House

Since 1982, the Guest House of Milwaukee has been inspiring others to transform their lives with dignity and purpose by utilizing a variety of programs and services. Onsite, the Guest House offers shelter and support for 86 adult men who are working to overcome a housing instability and/or to realize and maintain prolonged recovery by achieving sobriety and positive mental health. Our permanent, supported housing programs have grown to serve individuals and families in more than 450 apartments throughout Milwaukee County. The Guest House has also expanded our Prevention program and Rapid Re-housing program to better meet the evolving needs of the community. Together, these programs provide services for men, women, and families who have a history of homelessness or are at risk of becoming homeless, allowing them to maintain personal independence and overall well-being. The Guest House truly provides *more than shelter* to individuals and families in need!

www.guesthouseofmilwaukee.org

Interchange Food Pantry

Interchange Food Pantry (IFP) believes healthy food is a human right. The IFP believes those experiencing hunger, from our children to our elderly deserve the same quality food we serve to our families at home. We are one of a few city-wide pantries, serving all who enter our doors regardless of where they live. In 2021, in the midst of the pandemic, the IFP opened up two satellite food pantries, one at St. Marks AME Church located in 53206, one of the largest food deserts in Milwaukee. Our second satellite food pantry is at Redeemer Lutheran Church, 19th and Wisconsin Avenue. The IFP will serve approximately 35,000 guests in 2021. Thank you for your gift through the Alternative Christmas Market!

www.interchangefoodpantry.org

Literacy Services of Wisconsin

The mission of Literacy Services of Wisconsin (LSW) is to partner with motivated adults to provide access to quality basic education and skills training so that they can improve their lives, enrich their families, and strengthen our community.

LSW has continued to provide excellent instruction during the pandemic through the use of digital tools such as Google Classroom and Zoom. Tablets and laptops funded by our donors and community partners have enabled us to stay connected to our students and have allowed students who otherwise faced barriers to in-person instruction the opportunity to pursue their goals. As many barriers as possible are removed by creating in-person and virtual one-on-one learning partnerships and classes, keeping student costs low, and offering year-round enrollment. Learn more at

www.literacyservices.org.

Lutheran Social Services - Afghan Refugee Resettlement

At the forefront of supporting refugees during humanitarian crises for the last forty years, Lutheran Social Services is now welcoming – and providing resettlement services for – hundreds of refugees and Afghan evacuees. Gifts made through the Alternative Christmas Market will empower independence for individuals and families who were forced to flee their homeland because of war and persecution. In addition to providing flexibility to help support refugees in the most helpful way possible, in this early phase of the resettlement process, financial gifts help to cover the cost of rent and residence hotels for up to six months. For more information including a "Refugee Fact Sheet" click the link below:

www.lsswis.org/service/refugee-resettlement/refugee-resettlement/?parent_id=271

Meta House

Meta House ends the generational cycle of addiction by healing women and strengthening families. Meta House was one of the first residential treatment facilities in the country designed specifically for women with substance use disorders, and has been providing gender-responsive, family-centered treatment since 1963. It was also one of the first in the nation to include children in the residential setting. While the cornerstone of the program is substance abuse treatment, Meta House also offers parenting, vocational, and educational services to clients and a host of services for their children. This holistic approach ensures that as a woman gets well, her entire family has the tools to successfully adapt to a life of recovery.

www.metahouse.org

Milwaukee Habitat for Humanity

Today in Milwaukee, families are finding it harder than ever to afford a decent place to call home. In fact, one out of three Milwaukee renters are currently paying more than half of their income in rent. Milwaukee Habitat for Humanity helps to combat this affordable housing crisis by providing families with an affordable path to safe, stable housing. Habitat homeowners get to help build their own homes alongside staff and volunteers, and they pay an affordable mortgage. By concentrating efforts in targeted areas, Milwaukee Habitat is not just helping local families, but revitalizing entire neighborhoods by helping to decrease crime and increase community engagement. Over the years, Immanuel and the Presbyterian Coalition have worked together to build 22 homes! Gifts through the Alternative Christmas Market will help another family achieve their dream of stability and independence through affordable homeownership in 2022!

www.milwaukeehabitat.org

Pathfinders

Pathfinders has served Milwaukee's most vulnerable youth for over 50 years. The organization's trauma-informed, wraparound services include supported housing, temporary housing at a youth shelter, therapeutic services for young people who have been sexually abused, advocacy and case management for youth who have experienced sex trafficking or exploitation, a behavioral reassignment middle school, city-wide street outreach, basic needs services at a drop-in center and more. With support from the Alternative Christmas Market, Pathfinders is able to continue in its mission: "empowering youth - changing lives."

www.pathfindersmke.org

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is the emergency and refugee program of the Presbyterian Church (USA), enabling congregations to witness to the healing love of Christ through caring for communities adversely affected by crisis and catastrophic events. PDA focuses on the long term recovery of disaster affected communities, and works collaboratively with national and international partners, such as the United Nations, the World Food Program, and the Red Cross. PDA's core budget, including staff and administrative costs, is funded through the One Great Hour of Sharing, and its program work is additionally funded through designated gifts, including those from Immanuel's Alternative Christmas Market.

www.pcusa.org/pda

Tippecanoe Presbyterian Church - Arts and Science Literacy Camp and Homeless Ministries

Inspired by the success of Tippecanoe's Divine Intervention Ministry with homeless neighbors in Milwaukee's Bay View neighborhood, Tippecanoe launched a new Arts and Science Literacy Camp (ASLC) in 2018. The innovative mission of ASLC is to offer an integrated arts approach to supporting literacy, coupled with fine arts expression and a foundation in science. Camps are offered weekly over the summer as well as after school during the school year. ASLC's approach fosters hands on lifelong learning. The ASLC mission grew from expressed needs in the community to support the literacy of children to address poverty, unemployment, and violence in the greater Milwaukee area. Both Tippecanoe outreach programs continue to pivot during the pandemic to serve the homeless and to help Milwaukee children in this difficult time. Over 500 children are expected to return for ASLC again next summer. The Share Our Suppers meals and Larry Under the Bridge ministry both provide support to homeless neighbors and those who live outside.

www.tippechurch.org



IMMANUEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

2021 Alternative Christmas Market

	QTY	COST	TOTAL		QTY	COST	TOTAL
BREAD OF HEALING CLINIC				META HOUSE			
Blood sugar test strips for a patient for a month		\$ 10.00		One day of case management services for a family		\$ 15.00	
A Flu Vaccine for an uninsured patient		\$ 25.00		One day of childcare services for a child whose mother is in our program		\$ 30.00	
“Tooth fairy” – dental procedure		\$ 50.00		One week of individual counseling services for one woman		\$ 45.00	
An eye exam and new pair of glasses		\$ 75.00		One month of career services for a woman		\$ 75.00	
Donation to the Bread of Healing Clinic				Donation to Meta House			
CATHEDRAL CENTER SHELTER FOR WOMEN & FAMILIES				MILWAUKEE HABITAT FOR HUMANITY			
A flash drive and portfolio for a client seeking employment		\$ 10.00		Three 2x4 studs for framing a wall		\$ 15.00	
Healthy snacks and school supplies for children		\$ 25.00		A motion security light		\$ 30.00	
New socks and undergarments for a family in shelter		\$ 50.00		One dinette light fixture		\$ 50.00	
A “Good Night’s Sleep” bed linens and one night of shelter for a guest		\$ 75.00		A kitchen sink		\$ 100.00	
Donation to the Cathedral Center Shelter				Donation to Habitat for Humanity			
EASTSIDE SENIOR SERVICES				PATHFINDERS			
A lap blanket		\$ 10.00		A health safety kit (mask, sanitizer, etc.) for a homeless youth		\$ 10.00	
Stamps and cards for homebound seniors		\$ 25.00		Bus pass to get youth to and from the Youth Shelter and Drop-In Center		\$ 25.00	
Grocery gift card for a client in critical need of food		\$ 45.00		A wellness package for a youth who has been sexually exploited		\$ 40.00	
A warm coat		\$ 75.00		A move-in kit for a young person transitioning to their first apartment		\$ 65.00	
Donation to Eastside Senior Services				Donation to Pathfinders			
THE GUEST HOUSE				PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE			
A gift card for a client achieving personal goals		\$ 10.00		A blanket for the survivor of a natural disaster		\$ 10.00	
Six 1-Day bus passes for clients		\$ 25.00		Art supplies and games for a refugee child		\$ 25.00	
Seeds and supplies for our urban garden		\$ 50.00		A personal care kit for a refugee family		\$ 40.00	
Supplies to make 200 sandwiches		\$ 100.00		Support for a congregation ministering to children at the US-Mexico border		\$ 75.00	
Donation to The Guest House				Donation to PDA			
INTERCHANGE FOOD PANTRY				TIPPECANOE – KIDS CAMP & HOMELESS MINISTRIES			
One case (100) of bananas		\$ 15.00		One Share Our Suppers (SOS) restaurant meal		\$ 10.00	
100 pounds of carrots and onions		\$ 25.00		Healthy lunch and snacks for Arts & Science Literacy Camp (ASLC)		\$ 25.00	
8 pounds of fresh vegetables for 25 families		\$ 50.00		Support for Larry Under the Bridge		\$ 40.00	
Holiday hams for 15 families		\$ 75.00		ASLC Scholarship for two children		\$ 80.00	
Donation to the Interchange Food Pantry				Donation to Tippecanoe Ministries			
LITERACY SERVICES OF WISCONSIN				LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES			
One month Zoom-Pro subscription		\$ 15.00		Donation for Afghan Refugee Resettlement			
GED testing for one student		\$ 35.00		Gift Card(s) <i>(suggest one for each gift)</i>		\$ 1.00	
Six month subscription to virtual English Language Learning curricula		\$ 50.00					
A tablet or laptop to bridge the digital divide		\$ 85.00		GRAND TOTAL \$			
Donation to Literacy Services of Wisconsin							

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